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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR TOPICS

1. THE FIRST DAYS OF THE MONSOON SESSION OF PARLIAMENT
HAVE WITNESSED A SPATE OF QUESTIONS ON NUCLEAR
TOPICS. ONE MP SUBMITTED A QUERY WHETHER THE SOVIET
UNION HAD INSISTED AGAINST THE USE OF FISSILE
MATERIAL FROM THE RAPP POWER STATION BEING USED FOR
PNES. IN A WRITTEN REPLY THE PRIME MINISTER
STATED "UNDER THE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO
WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY ON
17 NOVEMBER, 1977 IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE
OF HEAVY WATER FROM THE USSR, INDIA HAS UNDERTAKEN
NOT TO USE THE MATERIAL PRODUCED AT THE RAJASTHAN
ATOMIC POWER STATION FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF ANY
NUCLEAR WEAPON OR ANY NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE."

2. IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER QUESTION CONCERNING DELAYS
IN THE IRODUCTION OF INDIAN HEAVY WATER, THE PM
EXPLAINED IN A WRITTEN REPLY THAT THE SLOW PROGRESS
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IN THE COMPLETION OF HEAVY WATER PLANTS AT BARODA,
TUTICORIN, KOTA AND TALCHER WAS THE RESULT OF
DELAY IN THE SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT, PROBLEMS OF
TRANSPORTATION AND FAILURE OF SOME HEAVY
EQUIPMENT, INTERRUPTIONS IN POWER SUPPLY AND
LABOR STRIKES. HE ADDED THAT HEAVY WATER FROM
DOMESTIC PRODUCTION WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE MADRAS

AND NARORA NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS.

3. IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER QUESTION, THE PM EXPLAINED
THAT INDIA IS IN THE PROCESS OF EXPLORATION
FOR URANIUM DEPOSITS IN MADHYA PRADESH,
MEGHALYA AND HIMACHAL PRADESH.
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